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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON MEETING OF LAENDER INTERIOR
MINISTERS IN BERLIN

REF: USBER 1962 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT SEPTEMBER 25 BONN GROUP MEETING ALL REPS AGREED
THAT NO FOLLOW-UP RESPONSE TO THAT GIVEN ON THE SPOT BY
FRENCH POLAD TO SOVIET SEPTEMBER 22 PROTEST WAS NEEDED.

2. IT WAS GENERAL VIEW OF REPS THAT SINCE SOVIETS HAD
COMPLAINED ABOUT TWO PREVIOUS LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTER
MEETINGS IN BERLIN SINCE QA, THEY WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE
TO DO SO WHENEVER SUCH A MEETING WAS HELD IN BERLIN.

3. ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO FRG REP TO BE
INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF SUCH MEETINGS. SUCH INFORMATION
WOULD BE USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR LIKELY SOVIET
COMPLAINT. FRG REP WAS ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE PRECISE
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INFORMATION ON NATURE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS GROUPING,

WHICH ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE FOR ANY FUTURE
SOVIET PROTEST.

4. FRG REP SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO MEET BOTH REQUESTS.
HE CONFIRMED UNDERSTANDING OF ALLIES THAT LAENDER
INTERIOR MINISTERS MEETINGS WERE HELD FOR CONSULTATION
AS AN INFORMAL GROUPING WITH NO POWERS OF DECISION-
MAKING. THE GROUP IS NOT A STATE BODY. FRG REP SAID
THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE OF THE
SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE SOVIET PUBLICATION OF FACT
OF PROTEST, WE AGREE WITH USBER THAT INFORMAL APPROACH
TO KHOTULEV REGARDING PRINCIPLE OF CONFIDENTIALITY
IS DESIRABLE.
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